

§ 25.163

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shall make tax adjustments as determined in this section.

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PREPARATION AND REMITTANCE OF TAX RETURNS

§ 25.163 Method of tax payment.

A brewer shall pay the tax on beer by return on TTB F 5000.24, as provided in §§ 25.164, 25.164a, 25.173, and 25.175. The brewer shall pay the tax by remittance at the time the tax return is rendered, and the remittance will be by check or money order payable to the “Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms” and mailed with the return, or will be effected by an electronic fund transfer. In paying the tax, a fractional part of a cent will be disregarded unless it amounts to one-half cent or more, in which case it will be increased to one cent.

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§ 25.164 Quarterly and semimonthly returns.

(a) *Requirement for filing.* Each brewer shall pay the tax on beer (unless prepaid) by return on Form 5000.24. The brewer shall file Form 5000.24 as a return regardless of whether tax has been prepaid as provided in § 25.175 during the return period. The brewer shall file a return on Form 5000.24 for each return period even though no beer was removed for consumption or sale.

(b) *Payment of tax.* The brewer shall include for payment with the return the full amount of tax required to be determined (and which has not been prepaid) on all beer removed for consumption or sale during the period covered by the return.

(c) *Return periods.* —(1) *Semimonthly return period.* Except in the case of a taxpayer who qualifies for, and chooses to use, quarterly return periods as provided in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, all taxpayers must use semimonthly return periods for deferred

payment of tax. The semimonthly return periods run from the brewer's business day beginning on the first day of each month through the brewer's business day beginning on the 15th day of that month, and from the brewer's business day beginning on the 16th day of the month through the brewer's business day beginning on the last day of the month, except as otherwise provided in § 25.164a.

(2) *Quarterly return period.* A taxpayer may choose to use a quarterly return period if the taxpayer was not liable for more than \$50,000 in taxes with respect to beer imposed by 26 U.S.C. 5051 and 7652 in the preceding calendar year and if that taxpayer reasonably expects to be liable for not more than \$50,000 in such taxes during the current calendar year. In such a case the last day for paying the tax and filing the return shall be the 14th day after the last day of the calendar quarter. However, the taxpayer may not use the quarterly return period procedure for any portion of the calendar year following the first date on which the aggregate amount of tax due from the taxpayer during the calendar year exceeds \$50,000, and any tax that has not been paid on that date shall be due on the 14th day after the last day of the semimonthly period in which that date occurs. The following additional rules apply to the quarterly return period procedure under this section:

(i) A “taxpayer” is an individual, corporation, partnership, or other entity that is assigned a single Employer Identification Number as defined in 26 CFR 301.7701-12;

(ii) “Reasonably expects” means that there is no existing or anticipated circumstance known to the taxpayer (such as an increase in production capacity) that would cause the taxpayer's tax liability to exceed the prescribed limit;

(iii) A taxpayer with multiple locations must combine the beer tax liability for all locations to determine eligibility for the quarterly return procedure;

(iv) A taxpayer who has both domestic operations and import transactions must combine the beer tax liability on